

## NARFE CHAPTER 1192 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES July 26, 2016

President Lorie Bennett called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m., Tri-City Country Club, Kennewick. Members present: Lorie; Mary Binder; Liz Bowers; Johanna Caylor; Nancy Crosby; Bill Darke; Steven Howes; Pat Turner; Larry Williams. Absent: Liz Bowers; Pam Griffins.

### **President/Service Officer/Special Programs:** *Lorie Bennett.*

- Lorie said she'll not be at the September chapter meeting; Pat Turner will conduct the meeting.
- 56<sup>th</sup> WSFC Convention recap:
  - Nancy has not received the final accounting from Liz Bowers, convention treasurer; but, she is estimating we made about \$1900. She will continue to try to contact Liz for the final accounting.
  - Nancy proposed giving the Yakima chapter \$300 for their assistance and \$500 to the Walla Walla chapter. The board discussed \$200 and \$600, respectively, but agreed to let Nancy make the final decision as the convention chairman. She said she'd prefer to go with her original figures.
- 34<sup>th</sup> NARFE National Convention, August 28 to September 1:
  - The majority of the board meeting was taken up reviewing the proposed NARFE bylaw and standing rule amendments that will be presented, discussed and voted on at the chapter meeting. For each proposal, the board decided yes, no or if they needed more information. This information will help those members attending and representing the chapter at the convention.
  - Also, those attending the convention will discuss the who and how for presenting a convention recap at the September 7 chapter meeting.
- Hospitality – Mary provided the board copies of the menu survey results from the June meeting. She'd previously sent it electronically to the board.
- Basically, members were satisfied with the menu.
- Service Office:
  - DOE employees have been/are moving out of the Federal Building. Our service office is provided through DOE. To date, there has been no notification that we will have to vacate the office.
  - Nancy questioned the justification for continuing to have the office as it gets very few visitors and/or calls. The board will discuss this at a future meeting.

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President:** *Pat Turner.* No report.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President/Webmaster:** *Larry Williams.* No report.

**Secretary/Sunshine/Newsletter/Public Relations:** *Mary Binder.*

- Articles for the September/October newsletter are due to Mary by Friday, August 5.
- Senior Life Show, Thursday, June 9 – a brief update was provided to the board. A number of guests stopped by the chapter's NARFE table, including a good prospective member who lives at Charbonneau. Nancy will invite him to the September meeting.
- *Senior Pages/Senior Review* – Dale Swant, sales manager, contacted Mary regarding advertising in the 2016/2017 *Senior Pages*, which includes the electronic *Senior Review*. To date, there have been no known calls/contacts from the advertising; however, Mary said she believes she needs to do a better job of getting the meeting announcements/other information posted on the *Senior Review*. The price remains the same, \$285/year, which includes the 5% discount for paying for the entire year up front. It is in the chapter outreach action plan, including for up to 50% matching funds. The board approved the renewal.
- Sunshine:
  - Sympathy cards sent to: Ben Brown Family; Dyanna Forsythe for partner Robert Pringle; Carolyn Reeploeg Family; Gerald Tomren Family.
  - Thinking of you card sent to Jerry & Mary Owens, Walla Walla chapter.
  - Thank-you-card received from May Shell. She received a sympathy card from the chapter after her husband, Paul Shell, former WSFC secretary, passed away in late May.
  - Dana Kranz's husband has been ill; Mary will send a card.
- Next board meeting – Tuesday, September 27, noon, Tri-City Country Club.

**Treasurer:** *Nancy Crosby.*

- June – Nancy sent the June treasurer’s report to the board; Larry has posted it on the chapter website. Note: It is also included in the July/August chapter newsletter.
- July – Nancy has not completed the month-end report, but stated there is \$9,966 in the bank. This includes the federation “scholarships” to the chapters for each chapter member who attended the May WSFC convention.

**WSFC Vice President:** *Nancy Crosby*

- Newly elected District V VP Jerry Owens, Walla Walla chapter, has had to resign for health reasons. Nancy will continue as the District V VP until a replacement is found. She is querying both the Walla Walla and Yakima chapters for anyone interested in the position.
- Upcoming WSFC Executive Board activities:
  - DVP training, September 21, afternoon, Tri-City Country Club.
  - Board meeting, September 22, 9 a.m., Tri-City Country Club (Note: Chapter board invited.)

**Directors at Large:** *Liz Bowers; Steve Howes.* No report.

## **COMMITTEES**

**Alzheimer’s Chairman:** *Bill Darke.* No report.

**NARFE-PAC:** *Steve Howes.* No report.

**Legislative:** *Mary Binder.*

- The November 1, Federal Long-Term Care Insurance significant premium increases is an issue NARFE is working, including providing updates on its website.
- United Health Group announced it is quitting ObamaCare.
- August is NARFE Grassroots Advocacy Month. NARFE has put out guidance for its members to use when contacting our federal elected officials while they are at home on summer congressional recess.

**Membership:** *Johanna Caylor.* Johanna and Sig Preston will cover the summer health fairs, July 27, at the Federal Building and Stevens Center, Richland. Nancy said she has candy she can provide. With the Providence/Kadlec announcement that the hospital will be “out-of-network” for Premera Blue Cross, effective January 2017, Johanna/Sig may get questions in this regard. To note, enrollees with Medicare/Blue Cross Standard will be covered; those with Medicare/Blue Cross Basic will have to pay the difference between what is covered and not.

**Caller Coordinator:** *Pam Griffin.* No report.

The board briefly reviewed the upcoming chapter meeting programs. ONGOING: The focus is to have interesting programs and activities that will increase attendance, participation and membership. Requests for program ideas will be included in future chapter newsletters and at chapter meetings, e.g., members submit suggestions on a card.

## **PROGRAMS – Upcoming**

**09/07/16 *Recap of NARFE 34<sup>th</sup> National Convention – convention attendees will provide highlights from the August 28 to September 1 convention*** (confirmed; POC: convention attendees)

**10/05/16 *Heidi Newsome, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, will give a presentation on USFWS management activities in the Hanford area.*** (confirmed; POC: Steve Howes)

**11/02/16 *Annual Chapter White Elephant Fundraiser for the NARFE Alzheimer’s Research Fund – members bring items for the auction*** (confirmed; POC: Bill Darke)

**12/07/16 *Desert Bells*** (confirmed; POC: Lorie Bennett; Mary Binder/Lorie will also provide holiday treats)

**01/04/17 *Hanford Cleanup – presentation from Washington State Department of Ecology’s Nuclear Waste Program*** (confirmed; POC: Lorie Bennett)

**02/01/17**

**03/01/17**

**04/05/17 *Terry & Kathy Maurer, antique appraisers – provide an update on the world of antiques and appraise items members bring*** (confirmed; POC: Mary Binder)

**PROGRAMS – Future Ideas** (New; brought forward)

**Aviation History in the Tri-Cities – presentation by Malin Bergstrom, president, Bergstrom Aircraft,**

**Pasco** (Note: Check if this can tie into Pasco Old Airport Tower restoration; POC: Mary Binder)  
**Pasco Old Airport Tower – restoration** (POC: Mary Binder)  
**Franklin County Historical Society – newly remodeled museum** (POC: Mary Binder)  
**Vista Field – reuse plans** (POC: Mary Binder)  
**Local/Regional Wine Industry/Wine Programs – WSU/Walla Walla programs; vineyard – how, what, why, where; winemakers – careers, background, successes, etc.; starting a winery**  
(Liz Bowers suggestion)  
**Local Micro Brews** (Liz Bowers suggestion)  
**Local Distillers** (Liz Bowers suggestion)  
**Jack Collins/his stained glass** (article in Senior Times; Jack is a chapter member; Johanna Caylor suggestion; she'll contact Jack regarding doing a presentation in February or March and also query members at a future chapter meeting regarding their interest in possibly visiting his glass studio )  
**Rep. Dan Newhouse** (POC: Mary Binder; Mary contacted Amy Harris, Rep. Newhouse's scheduler in the D.C. office; she has passed on the request to the local points of contact)  
**Decluttering – challenges and tips** (POC: Mary Binder)  
**Central Basin Audubon Society** (POC: Steve Howes)  
**Service dogs – training and types of service** (POC: Mary Binder)  
**WSU Extension Service/Master Gardeners – programs, training** (POC: Larry Williams; still pursuing)  
**Port of Kennewick's "Bridge to Bridge" Redevelopment** (POC: Larry Williams)  
**New Tri-Cities area mental health program** (POC: Pat Turner)  
**Drones – uses and challenges** (POC: Larry Williams)

#### **CHAPTER GROUP ACTIVITIES/SPECIAL PROGRAMS – PLANNED AND FUTURE IDEAS**

**White Bluffs/Ringold – history and current status** (POC: Steve Howes)  
**Hanford Reach National Monument** (POC: Steve Howes)  
**MCBONES Research Center Foundation, Coyote Canyon Mammoth Site** (POC: Lorie Bennett; on hold)  
**Pacific Northwest Regional Observatory/CBC Planetarium** (POCs: Mary Binder, Larry Williams;) possibly in 2016; Larry said he has talked with POC Mike Brady regarding a tour)  
**Lamb Weston – tour** (re-contacted; awaiting a reply; POC Lorie)  
**WSU Wine Science Center** (tour; possibly before or after the WSFC May convention; POC: Mary Binder)  
**Registering Voters** (Johanna suggestion; she updated the board on the feasibility of doing this as a way to provide NARFE/the chapter exposure; volunteers would be needed; she'll continue to get more information, e.g., would this be feasible before the November elections)  
**Moore Mansion tour** – Based on input from some chapter members after Brad Peck's May presentation, Larry suggested a tour of the Moore Mansion with a chapter donation to the mansion's restoration fund. Mary said she'd contact Brad to see if this would be possible.

**FUTURE BOARD MEETING:** Tuesday, September 27, noon, Tri-City Country Club, Kennewick.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** 4:00 p.m.

**Prepared by:**  
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Secretary